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Information Item

ENGINEERING AND GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

VIA: DAVID R. GARCIA, CITY MANAGER

VIA: SCOTT TULLOCH, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER ST

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DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2008

SUBJECT: **Road Closure of "L" Street between Colorado Avenue and Industrial Boulevard for one complete weekend between February 29, 2008 and March 3, 2008 (from 9:00 pm on Friday to 4:00 am on Monday) for emergency replacement of the tracks for the MTDB Trolley Line.**

On February 8, 2008, Mr. Angel Morales of MTS (Metropolitan Transit Systems) and Linda Rivera, Project Manager for West Coast General Corporation, a General Engineering Contractor, submitted traffic control and detour plans requesting the closure of "L" Street between Colorado Avenue and Industrial Boulevard for the purpose of reconstructing the MTDB Trolley crossing to replace damaged tracks at this location. This is considered an emergency repair, since trolleys are currently being slowed to less than 10 M.P.H. to safely negotiate the damaged tracks at the crossing. In order to expedite the installation of these improvements and minimize the overall inconvenience to motorists and residents, staff and the contractor propose to close "L" Street for one complete weekend between February 29 and March 3, 2008. This closure will be for one the entire weekend (starting at 9:00 pm on Friday) and be of approximately 55 consecutive hours. "L" Street will be opened at the end of the weekend (4:00 am on Monday) to allow for normal traffic flow. There may be a need to close individual lanes for minor utility work adjacent to the trolley crossing during the weeks following the weekend road closure, however, such lane closures will be limited to nighttime. Signs will be erected notifying the public of the weekend closure two days in advance.

The proposed L Street road closure plan is similar to those used by MTDB to construct trolley crossings in the past, all of which have worked well without major problems. During the closure period, traffic will be detoured as follows:

> **"L" Street:** Traffic will be detoured around the work area using Broadway, Moss Street, Naples Street, Industrial Boulevard and Bay Boulevard. Truck traffic will specifically be detoured to Palomar Street to avoid trucks using streets with residential frontage. (See attached map).

Chula Vista Transit and all emergency services will be adequately accommodated during the closure period.

Staff understands that Moss Street and Naples Street are, in part, residential streets. While it has been the City's policy to avoid detours down residential streets as much as possible, it is staff's opinion that the proposed detour route will have the least impact of all alternatives analyzed. Truck traffic is specifically being directed to use Palomar Street avoiding the residential areas.. Staff believes that the limited duration of the closure (weekend hours when traffic is much lighter than weekdays) will have minimal impact on the neighborhood and local businesses. In addition, the days and hours for this closure avoids the early morning school and large truck traffic regularly seen on "L" Street on weekdays. The weekday Average Daily Traffic volume (ADT) on this portion of "L" Street is 20,400 vehicles per day.

The Traffic Engineering Section has reviewed and conceptually approved the attached closure and detour plan.

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise the City Council of said closure in accordance with Council Policy No. 576-15, which requires that Council be notified in advance of a request to close a street for major construction work.

If Council has no objections to the proposed street closures at the Council meeting on Tuesday, February 26, staff will proceed with the closures as shown above.

Attachments (2)

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